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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

This paper is submitted in response to the pending Office Action, mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on April 2, 2003. Applicants also submit herewith a petition for a one month extension of time up to and including August 2, 2003, and a check for the appropriate fee. Applicants believe that no additional fee is due for this Amendment and Response to be considered. However, please consider this a conditional petition for the proper extension, if one is required, and a conditional authorization to charge any related extension fees or other fees necessary for entry of this paper to Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

Please make the following amendments, without prejudice, and consider the following remarks. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121, a marked-up version of the amendments is attached at the end of this Amendment and Response.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 19-37 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1, 4, and 9 as set forth in the marked-up copy of the amended claims to read as follows:

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1. A stent comprising,
first and second terminal ends spaced apart from each other, and
a wall, disposed between the first and second terminal ends, and including an

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